Police Complaints Board Minutes of Regular Meeting

Meeting Date & Time: Thursday, November 15, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Location: Office of Police Complaints

1400I Street NW, Suite 700 Washington, DC 20005

PCB Members Present:

• Paul Ashton, Chair

- Commander Morgan Kane (via phone)
- Bobbi Strang

PCB Members Absent:

• Kurt Vorndran

OPC Staff Present:

- Michael G. Tobin, Executive Director
- Rochelle Howard, Deputy Director
- Alicia Yass, Legal Counsel
- Mona Andrews, Chief Investigator
- Anthony Lawrence, Senior Investigator
- Hansel Aguilar, Investigator
- Ethan Trinh, Investigator
- Matthew Graham, Research Analyst

Public Members Present:

• none

Meeting Agenda:

I. Call to Order

The meeting was audio recorded. Mr. Ashton called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Board roll call, Kurt Vorndran is absent.

II. Public Comment Period

No public comments were noted.

III. Adoption of Minutes:

The Board reviewed the minutes from the September 20, 2018 PCB meeting. Ms. Strang made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Ashton seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

None

VI. Agency Report

Mr. Tobin reported that OPC will likely be requesting a funding increase in FY 2020 for one new investigator position.

The stop and frisk data lawsuit involving MPD is set to have a hearing on November 16.

The OPC FY 2018 Annual Report was released on November 5.

A new graphic design intern, Rollin Sharpe, has joined OPC.

On September 28, Ms. Yass presented to the Public Defender Service of DC about OPC's complaint process and how the offices can work together for a smooth subpoena process.

On October 3, Ms. Yass presented to the judges of the Criminal Court Bench for DC Superior Court about OPC's complaint process and the independent status of the office from the police department.

Staffing update: new investigator Samantha Jeffrey will join OPC on November 26, 2018.

NACOLE conference took place from September 30-Ocotber 4. Mr. Tobin, Ms. Murphy, Mr. Aguilar, and Mr. Trinh all gave presentations.

Mr. Tobin reported that his regularly scheduled meeting with MPD Chief Newsham took place on November 5.

Mr. Tobin and Ms. Howard attended the annual Budget Review Team meeting on November 15.

Ms. Andrews presented the investigations statistics. Open cases are down, but new cases are onpar with last year. Mr. Ashton asked for an update on numbers at the beginning of December.

Ms. Strang shared that Tuesday, November 20, is Transgender Day of Remembrance.

VII. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Ms. Strang moved for the meeting to be adjourned, Mr. Ashton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:17 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 6pm.

Minutes prepared by Legal Counsel, Alicia Yass